

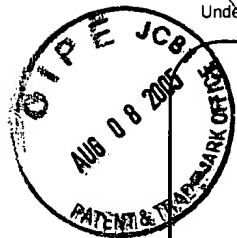
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| Application Number | 09/645,903 |
| Filing Date | August 25, 2000 |
| First Named Inventor | Li Li |
| Art Unit | 2822 |
| Examiner Name | M. Guerrero |
| Attorney Docket Number | 2269-3361.2US (97-0663.02/US) |

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

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(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☒ Other Fee Transmittal

2. **Miscellaneous**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other _____

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**FEE TRANSMITTAL
for FY 2005**☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27**TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT** (\$) 100.00**Complete if Known**

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| Application Type | FILING FEES | | SEARCH FEES | | EXAMINATION FEES | | Fees Paid (\$) |
|------------------|-------------|----------------------|-------------|----------------------|------------------|----------------------|----------------|
| | Fee (\$) | Small Entity Fee(\$) | Fee(\$) | Small Entity Fee(\$) | Fee(\$) | Small Entity Fee(\$) | |
| Utility | 300 | 150 | 500 | 250 | 200 | 100 | _____ |
| Design | 200 | 100 | 100 | 50 | 130 | 65 | _____ |
| Plant | 200 | 100 | 300 | 150 | 160 | 80 | _____ |
| Reissue | 300 | 150 | 500 | 250 | 600 | 300 | _____ |
| Provisional | 200 | 100 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | _____ |

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES**Fee Description**

Each claim over 20 (including Reissues) _____

Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues) _____

Multiple dependent claims _____

| Small Entity | |
|---------------------------|---------------|
| Fee (\$) | Fee (\$) |
| 50 | 25 |
| 200 | 100 |
| 360 | 180 |
| Multiple Dependent Claims | |
| Fee (\$) | Fee Paid (\$) |
| _____ | _____ |

Total Claims 22 -20 or HP= 2 x 50 = 100

Extra Claims 2 x 50 = 100

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Extra Claims 0 x 200 = 0

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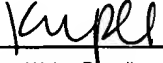
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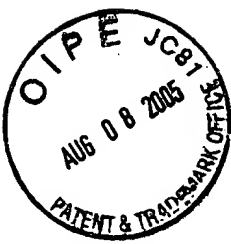
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OPENINGS AND METHODS FOR
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The following amendments and remarks are filed in response to the Examiner's remarks in the Final Office Action mailed June 8, 2005, the three-month shortened statutory period for response to which expires on September 8, 2005. This response is submitted on or before two months from the mailing date of the Final Office Action and is filed with a Request for Continued Examination.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.